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CALL TO ORDER

A Council worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, July 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 11 LaFayette Street. Notice of this meeting was sent to Council on July 3, 2008, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Dennis Nero, Thomas Farley, Steven Skok, Sean Gabler, Richard Dornisch, Richard Gabler, Jr., and City Manager David Greene

VISITORS

Visitors included: Dan Hepner, Richard Sadley, and Todd Caltagarone

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
June 16, 2008

Richard Dornisch made a motion to approve the minutes of June 16, 2008, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor, except Steven Skok who abstained.

June 24, 2008

Sean Gabler made a motion to approve the minutes of June 24, 2008, seconded by Mayor Sally Geyer, and all were in favor, except Dennis Nero, Steven Skok, and Richard Dornisch all abstained.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
David Taylor, Taylor
and Taylor Associates
re: Historic Plaques

Manager Greene explained the reason for the special presentation by David Taylor, of Taylor and Taylor Associates, which Mr. Taylor will present tonight. Mr. Greene stated back when the Sheetz Corporation wanted to purchase the buildings on Bruxelles and South Michael Street, we had to go through the PA Historical Museum Commission in order to get permission to tear down the buildings and replace them with the Sheetz store.

An agreement was made with the PA Bureau of Historic Preservation which stated that at least six plaques around St. Marys commemorating at least six historic sites would be installed. The sites chosen could be either still existing or demolished sites. David Taylor did eight graphics for eight plaques for Council's review.

Manager Greene stated David Taylor is here tonight to present all eight; however, we need to narrow them down to six, due to cost.

David Taylor presented eight graphics for the interpretive plaques which consisted of the following: South Michael Street at Bruxelles St; German House Hotel; Franklin House Hotel; Downtown St. Marys; St. Marys Church & St. Joseph's Convent; St. Marys Post Office; Proctor House; and the Weis Stone Buildings.

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At this time, Mr. Taylor would like Council to decide on six plaques and to approve payment of the invoice per the original contract.

Richard Dornisch noted his main concern is that the plaques are historically correct. He requested that Ray Beimel, historian, also review them. The Manager will forward the new set of graphics to Mr. Beimel for his review and comments.

Mr. Dornisch stated he felt the German House Hotel and the Franklin House Hotel should be the two plaques removed. Manager Greene felt the Post Office should be removed and add the Franklin House Hotel.

1st Motion

After further discussion, Mayor Sally Geyer made a motion to exclude the Post Office and the German House Hotel out of the eight. The motion was seconded by Dennis Nero.

Amended Motion

Mr. Dornisch stated "Ray Beimel should review the graphics" should be added to the motion. The Mayor amended her motion to have Ray Beimel review them. Amended motion was seconded by Dennis Nero and all were in favor, except Richard Dornisch who abstained.

David Taylor noted that the City will own the two graphics that were removed and sometime in the future they could be added.

Funding Approved

Richard Dornisch made a motion to approve the funding, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

North Central re:
Fire Hydrant at the
end of North St.,
Stackpole Complex

A letter was received from North Central Enterprise Inc. regarding the fire hydrant at the end of North Street in the Stackpole Center Industrial Complex. North Central completed the demolition project on North Street. This consisted of the removal of building 200B, which created a paved parking lot for internal parking; installation of a new sanitary sewer line with manholes; a 6 inch water line; and the installation of a new fire hydrant at the end of North Street. North Central is requesting the City take over ownership of the fire hydrant.

Steven Skok made a motion to take over the ownership of the fire hydrant at the end of North Street in the Stackpole Center Industrial Complex. The motion was seconded by Sean Gabler.

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Dennis Nero questioned if the Water Authority accepted the hydrant. Manager responded they accepted the water line and if Council accepts the fire hydrant, so will the Water Authority.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to accept ownership of the hydrant.

Award Bid re:
Fine Bubble Disc
Aeration System for
WWTP

The following four bids for the "Fine Bubble Disc Aeration System" for the WWTP were opened during a public meeting held on June 19, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall:

Environmental Dynamics, Inc., Columbia, MO

Ceramic..... no bid
EPDM.....\$21,168.00
Alternative\$20,025.00

RAM Industrial Services, Inc., Leesport, PA

Ceramic..... no bid
EPDM.....\$53,381.25
Alternative.....\$45,900.00

Aquarius Technologies, Port Washington, WI

Ceramic.....\$15,500.00
EPDM.....\$13,000.00
Alternative..... no bid

Sanitaire, Brown Deer, WI

Ceramic.....\$35,043.00
EPDM.....\$30,051.00
Alternative..... no bid

Lad Kornacki recommended that the bid be awarded to Aquarius Technologies, Inc. for the EPDM diffusers for a total bid price of \$13,000.00. Mr. Kornacki noted the project will be financed by a roll-over from the 2007 WWTP budget which allocated \$50,000.00.

Richard Gabler made a motion to accept Lad Kornacki's recommendation, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.

Letter from American
Legion re: Request to
Waive the City's Curfew
for the Regional 8
American Baseball
Legion Tournament

A letter was received from the American Legion requesting that City Council waive the City's curfew for the Regional 8 American Legion Baseball Tournament which will be held on July 25 thru July 30, 2008 at Berwind Park. This request is being made in case the games go into overtime.

Mayor Geyer stated she received a call from Dennis Haberberger asking Council to include a waiver on the restriction on how long the lights can remain on. Mr. Haberberger checked with the neighborhood and they did not mind.

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1st Motion

Richard Dornisch made a motion to approve the request from the American Legion. The motion was seconded by Steven Skok.

Sean Gabler felt the motion should include the curfew being waived for the people attending the games and not a general blanket waive of the curfew for the entire City.

Amended Motion

Richard Dornisch amended his motion adding the waive is for the purpose of the tournament only. The Mayor also added the lights are only to remain on if the games go into overtime. Amended motion was seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION

Fire Damaged
Buildings

Dennis Nero asked the Manager if there is any progress being made by the Code Enforcement Officer concerning fire damaged buildings. Mr. Nero would like something in writing so Council can address the issue. The Manager stated we are looking at an ordinance that would require property owners to have fire insurance on their buildings, but he did not know if it could be enforced.

Sean Gabler suggested that maybe we could have something in writing that states within so many weeks or months after a fire, the owner must submit a plan to the City as to what they plan to do with their damaged building.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Sean Gabler asked, in the temporary permit parking lot, could parking be eliminated in the first stall where there is a limestone path over to Erie Avenue. If a car is parked in this space, it is hard for a person to go around the car. The Manager stated he will have traffic cones placed in the stall to prevent parking.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Geyer made the following announcement:
- Next Council meeting will be held on
Monday, July 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was held at this time to discuss legal issues. Mayor Geyer noted no action will be taken during the Executive Session or afterwards.

ADJOURNMENT

Council reconvened and Dennis Nero made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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Mayor

Shirley Dicklos
Recording Secretary